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Weeks of May 31/June 7, 2020



News & Events

Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting Via Zoom June 1

All parishioners are invited to a prayer gathering to take place via the Zoom video app on Monday, June 1, at 7:15 p.m. Typically held the first Monday of each month, this hour-long meeting is set aside to pray for the Advent. Email Margaret Pope (Margaret@CathedralAdvent.com) to get the Zoom link.

Youth Ministry Sets Summer Gatherings

All rising 10th through graduated 12th graders are invited to our weekly Senior High co-ed summer dinner and Bible study every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Cameron's backyard (3821 Buckingham Lane, 35243), starting June 3. This summer is obviously different from those past, so bring your own dinner and utensils. We'll meet outside at a social distance; bring a lawn chair if you like. Contact Rebecca (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com) for details.

All rising 7th through 9th graders are invited to our weekly Junior High co-ed summer dinner and Bible study every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Woods' house (3041 Salisbury Road, 35213), starting June 4. Please bring your own dinner and utensils; we'll meet outside at a social distance. Email Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com for details.



A Word from Canon Schneider

The concern that there be followers of Jesus from every people group in the world is a perpetual Biblical theme from the calling of Abraham to the hope that one day we will be around the throne of Christ with people from every nation. Therefore, this worldwide burden for the spread of the gospel ought to be at the forefront of every Christian's heart and mind.

The good news is that in 2020 the global Church is larger than it has ever been before as a proportion of the world's population. Praise God! The bad news is that we are failing to keep up with population growth, which climbs at an exponential rate. There are actually more lost people alive now than there have ever been before throughout history. Ponder that.

The global population is now about eight billion people. Of those, a quarter are Christian adherents – the world's largest religion. However, of those who are not Christian, nearly half have no access to the

gospel. Zero. It's not that they have chosen to reject Christ. Rather, three billion people have simply never even heard of Jesus or had an opportunity to respond. As a result, just about every second someone in the world is dying a Christ-less death. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 ... I hope you have a holy discontent over this.

What in the world can ordinary people like you and me do about this? The Great Commission of Matthew 28 and Acts 1 is not only a task but it's also a promise: "Go ... make disciples of all nations" is coupled with these assurances: "I am with you" and "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses ... to the end of the earth."

Every disciple needs to understand him- or herself as a disciple-maker. The task is urgent. We are engaged in an invisible spiritual battle, and an army of ordinary disciples spreading the gospel must and will arise. This isn't just an expectation. It's a promise. When we step out in faith, God works through us to reach others. He is with us. He will empower us. We will be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. - Matt

"The gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." - Matthew 24:14

The Next Two Sundays:

May 31 and June 7, 2020

Please join us for worship via streaming video at 9:00 a.m. Cameron Cole will preach on May 31, and Dean Pearson will preach on June 7. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live, Facebook Live, Twitter, or YouTube to access our stream. To download a service bulletin, go to AdventBirmingham.org/Worship. We continue not gathering at the church.

Sign Up for Parish-Wide Emails:

Find the link to sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Coronavirus.

Adult Education: 10:10 - 10:50 a.m.

The Dean's Class will be available via streaming video the next two Sundays. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live.

Recordings of past classes are available on our website at AdventBirmingham.org/Audio.

Lectionary:

May 31: Psalm 104:25-35, 37; Numbers 11:24-30
Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23; John 7:37-39

June 7: Psalm 8; Genesis 1:1-2:4a
2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Children's & Youth Education:

Two resources are available for families with children. Family Sunday School lessons are posted online every week, and the Advent Christian Academy offers 30-minute lesson plans that align with the Advent's newly released Bible Benchmarks curriculum. Junior and Senior High youth gather every Sunday via Zoom for Christian education following the 9:00 a.m. service. Links to all can be found online at AdventBirmingham.org.

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Death: Carol Sanders Williams, on May 12

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Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 31 Streaming Worship - AdventBirmingham.org/Live - 9:00 a.m. Dean's Class will follow.	June 1 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m. Zoom Parish-Wide Prayer Meeting - 7:15 p.m. (Email Margaret@CathedralAdvent.com for Zoom info.)	2 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	3 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m. Online Disciple-Maker Training - 1:00 p.m. Sr. High Dinner/Bible Study - 3821 Buckingham Lane - 5:30 p.m.	4 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m. Jr. High Dinner/Bible Study - 3041 Salisbury Road - 6:00 p.m.	5 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	6
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Come-When-You-Can Women's Zoom Bible Study: When God asks a question, it's not because he doesn't know the answer; it's because he wants us to think. Join Jane Menendez in a seven-week study called *Questions That Echo*, beginning Wednesday, June 3, from 9:15-10:30 a.m. Our first question will be, "Where Are You?" Email Jane (JLGMenendez@gmail.com) or Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com) to receive the Zoom link.

Adventurer Begins Summer Schedule: Beginning this week, the *Adventurer* will be published every other week for the next 12 weeks, concluding with the issue dated August 9/16. Weekly publication will resume with the issue dated August 23, 2020.